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Change of Command

*Arctic Warriors welcome
new commander,
Col. Hawk Carlisle*



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STAFF SGT. PRENTICE COLTER

Ground breaking

Brig. Gen. Michael Snodgrass, former 3rd Wing commander, joins other dignitaries, May 19, at a ground-breaking ceremony for the new C-17 flight simulator building being constructed near Chapel 2.



Col. Hawk Carlisle
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done? The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Col. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
actionline@elmendorf.af.mil

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can't help, then please call the Action Line.

Key phone numbers:

- Col. Christopher Thelen, 3rd CES/CC
552-3007
- Lt. Col. David Aupperle, 3rd SVS/CC
552-2468
- Lt. Col. Robert Garza, 3rd SFS/CC
552-4304



Senior Airman Monique Barnes, 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, found a loose crank-shaft bolt and a broken timing gear key-way on a fuel delivery system for a 6.5L Diesel engine Multi-stop Van.

As an expert mechanic, she eliminated the need for a new fuel injection pump, saving \$1,000 and 16 hours in labor.

She coordinated use of parts to help save \$200 and an additional two days of down time.

Senior Airman Justin Bistodeau, 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron, volunteered to assist the jet engine intermediate maintenance shop for a quick turnaround of a T56-A-15 engine at a time when the 3rd Wing was at a critical point on spare engines. He led the way for removal and replacement of a reduction gearbox in eight hours. His dedication allowed the flight to maintain its spare level, while ensuring a mission for tsunami relief was completed on time.

Tech. Sgt. John Hrapek, 3rd Operations Group, spent countless hours, to include his off-duty time, updating and adding references to thousands of test questions for the Standards and Evaluations testing program used by all Elmendorf aircrews.

Additionally, he designed and implemented a comprehensive, self-updating test database program and streamlined the entire testing, updating, and verification process.

His efforts vastly improved the testing process.

New Promotees

The following individuals were also selected for promotion to major, but were inadvertently omitted from the list:

Lori Gibson, 611th ASUS
Timothy Reburn, 611th ACF
Reginald Kuo, 611th AIS

Critically manned career fields given promotion edge

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Airmen in 17 Air Force specialties will be given a leg up for promotion this year in an attempt to fill manning shortfalls in their career fields.

As part of the chronic critical shortage skills program, Airmen testing for staff, technical or master sergeants during the 2005 promotion cycle, and who are in 17 career fields, will be promoted at 1.2 times the Air Force average.

For example, if the Air Force average for a particular promotion is 15 percent, then the critical skills would be promoted at a promotion rate of 18 percent.

Career fields are considered for placement on the list when the number of staff, technical and master sergeants is below and projected to

remain below 90 percent, said Reese Lang, the Air Force enlisted skills manager. Once placed on the list, the specialty remains on it for at least two years and until noncommissioned officers manning in the career fields is above 95 percent.

"Basically this is to help these career fields that have NCO shortages," Mr. Lang said. "And this is done every year for the NCO promotion cycle. It is part of the promotion cycle."

Specialties on the 2005 list are:

- Loadmaster (1A2X1).
- Airborne Communications and Electronics Systems (1A3X1).
- Airborne Battle Management (1A4X1X).
- Airborne Cryptologic Linguist

(1A8X1X).

- Air Traffic Control (1C1X1).
- Combat Control (1C2X1).
- Command Post (1C3X1).
- Aerospace Control and Warning Systems (1C5X1X).
- Space System Operations (1C6X1).
- Intelligence Applications (1N0X1).
- Imagery Analysis (1N1X1).
- Network Intelligence Analysis (1N4X1).
- Electronic Signals Intelligence Exploitation (1N5X1).
- Electronic Systems Security Assessment (1N6X1).
- Pararescue (1T2X1).
- Weather (1W0X1X).
- F-16, F-117, RQ-1, CV-22 Avionics Systems (2A3X2).



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3rd Wing Moment in History

May 25, 1942:



The 3rd Bombardment Group suffered its worst losses to date when Japanese fighters shot down five of six B-25s during a low-level attack on the Japanese airfield at Lae, New Guinea, with the loss of all crews aboard.

Feeling ‘burned out’ has new meaning for two Airmen

By Tech. Sgt. Theo McNamara
Staff Writer

An Anchorage apartment building fire May 9 left two Elmendorf Airmen wishing they would’ve had more time to plan as their apartments and belongings were lost to a fire.

Staff Sgt. Deroni Brown, 3rd Security Forces Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Joshua David, 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, were both in their homes when the fire started.

Sergeant Brown had just returned from picking up his son, DeMari, from the Sitka Child Development Center and had begun preparing dinner while his son played a video game. Airman David and his wife had just completed a conversation about whether or not to purchase renter’s insurance when they noticed a fire at the opposite end of their apartment building.

“When DeMari and I got home, we just walked into the apartment; we never noticed any smoke or saw any flames; we just went about our normal routine. Within 10 minutes of getting home, people were pounding on our door and screaming ‘fire, fire—get out!’” said Sergeant Brown. “I didn’t have time to grab anything, in fact, I left without my wallet or

checkbook ... I had nothing.”

For nearly a week the two displaced Airmen and 15 families like them were unable to return to their homes to determine what was left and recover what they could.

For Airman David and his wife, the day’s events unfolded a little differently, but they encountered the same circumstances. “We noticed there was a fire at the other end of the apartment building, but we felt certain the fire department would put it out before it got to our end,” he said. “No one thinks things like this will happen to them.

“The weirdest thing was that we were talking about getting renter’s insurance just hours before the fire, but we decided not to because we’re PCSing and didn’t think it would be worth spending the money for such a short time,” Airman David said.

Family photos and their king-size bed are considered the biggest losses for the Davids, but insurance money would have been useful for them to replace the clothes, entertainment center and the simple things used in everyday life.

“If I had to go through this again, I would want to have a little ready-to-go-bag with my important documents, tooth-brush, clothes, and anything else I might need in an emergency situation. We lost our entire bathroom area,” Airman David said.

“I guess it goes without saying; I’d want to have insurance. I think we lost anywhere between three and \$4,000 worth of stuff.”

“Renter’s insurance averages about \$8.00 a month for about \$14,000 in coverage,” explained Sgt. Brown. “But like many other people, I didn’t think something like this would happen to me.”

That’s a very familiar phrase for Elmendorf’s top man for fire prevention, Chief Ford Brooks, assistant fire chief for the 3rd Civil Engineer



MR. DAVID BLUE

Anchorage firefighters try to get control of an Anchorage apartment building fire May 9. The fire left several military families without a home and many wishing they had renter’s insurance.

Squadron’s fire prevention office, and one he believes deserves a lot of attention, not just from people living in the community, but also for base residents.

“We, of course, always encourage renters to get renter’s insurance, but for folks who live in multi-family dwellings, it’s even more important to have a good insurance package,” said Chief Brooks.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re the most cautious person in the Air Force; that doesn’t protect you against a careless neighbor who might live in the next-door apartment. People living in base housing need to think about protecting their valuables, too.”

According to the agreement the Air Force has with Aurora Military

Housing, base housing residents are also encouraged to carry renter’s insurance. Unlike the Department of Defense-owned base housing, people found to be negligent for damage to a Private Sector Financed house may be charged in excess of \$100,000 for damages in addition to costs for the replacement of their personal belongings.

“Renter’s insurance is just the beginning of a list of things a person should do to be prepared for the unexpected,” emphasized Sergeant Brown. “I’ll be sure to have a fire-proof safe for important documents and at least some pictures. I was lucky and I still lost more than \$3,000 worth of stuff. My advice is to educate yourself and get prepared for what will never happen to you!”



STAFF SGT. PRENTICE COLTER

The aftermath of a May 9 apartment building fire in Anchorage that left 15 families displaced.

Preparation Tips

In the event your home falls victim to the affects of a natural disaster or fire it's important to be able to accurately account for what was lost and its value. Here are some helpful tips from the Fire Prevention office to use as you prepare:

- Items like stamp and coin collections, as well as expensive jewelry, and antiques should be appraised. Keep the appraisal certificate in a place away from the property and in a fireproof safe

- If you don’t have a fireproof safe the next best place is the freezer

- Keep receipts for expensive household good items
- When moving, continuing to keep your insurance is a good plan because it typically covers your household goods if they become missing or are water-damaged while in shipment or storage

- Periodically re-evaluate your personal estate and adjust your insurance policy as necessary

- If the damage isn’t a result of your negligence, insurance companies are not allowed to raise premiums so don’t be reluctant to file a claim against your renter’s insurance policy

For more information and ideas about preparing for and safely surviving a fire, call the base Fire Prevention office, 552-2620.

Base housing needs insurance?

By Tech. Sgt. Theo McNamara
Staff Writer

For some base housing residents, renter’s insurance can be provided for free; for others, it’s not.

“Elmendorf’s Private Sector Financed Housing is divided into two phases,” said Mr. Mike Kenneth, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron housing. Phase I doesn’t provide occupants with a renter’s insurance plan; however, for Phase II of PSF Housing, Aurora Military Housing does offer renter’s insurance to occupants at no cost through Allstate Insurance Company.

“But it’s important to remember that this coverage is only available at no charge to people who live in Phase II housing,” he said. “The Phase I contract doesn’t include a clause about providing insurance coverage.”

Although the renter’s insurance coverage is free; it’s not automatic.

The occupants in Phase II housing must personally contact the Allstate Insurance agency to activate the policy.

The policy which is provided at no cost to the occupant includes coverage of \$20,000 personal property, \$100,000 liability, with a

\$250 deductible.

While Phase I (which includes houses in Chugach, Silver Run, New Dallas, and Sunflower with Fairchild Avenue addresses) housing occupants aren’t provided free insurance, it’s still advised they seriously consider purchasing a personal renter’s insurance policy.

There are many good reasons to have renter’s insurance, but one not-so-well known reason is if an occupant is found to be negligent for any of the damages, they may also be held responsible for reasonable charges for repair of the damage, according to 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron housing office officials.

“Under our agreement, an occupant may potentially be charged in excess of \$100,000,” said Mr. Kenneth. “It’s not like the old-days when a military member’s responsibility was limited to no more than a month’s pay.”

More information is available from Aurora Military Housing by calling 753-1023 and to activate a policy with Allstate call 279-9000 after verifying eligibility with Aurora Military Housing management.

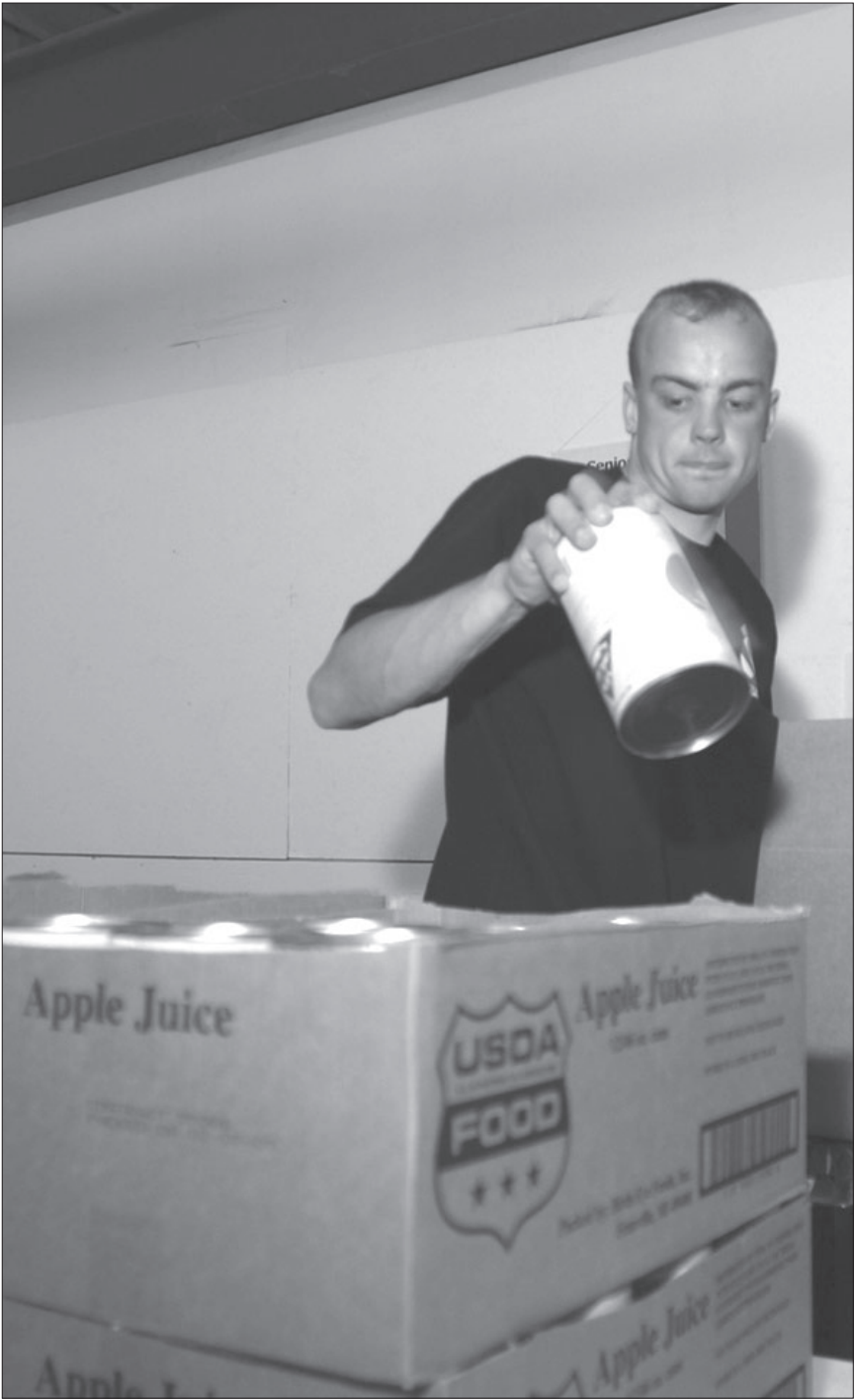


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Helping hand

Above: Tech. Sgt. Shannon Corbin, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, joins with 15 others from his shop, May 21, to help the Alaska Food Bank package food for delivery to those in need of assistance.

Right: Senior Airman Jacob Gatrost, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, was one of several volunteers from his unit to help the Anchorage-area community and the Alaska Food Bank.



Memorial Day - Gift of tomorrow from our past

By General Paul V. Hester
Commander, Pacific Air Forces

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii - The sky is a deep blue over Punchbowl National Cemetery.... and the “trades” are the only sound as they flutter every American Flag. Just below on Waikiki, America’s “future” is playing loudly in the surf. But this moment, on this day, is reserved for our past.... those who have secured our todays and tomorrows.

Memorial Day is a time to reflect.... remember...and celebrate the lives of our Nation’s warriors.... all services...all ranks...all specialties. There are over one million Americans who gave their lives and another 140,000 who were Prisoners of War. Their gift has strengthened the principles of our democracy...has proved hope to millions the world over...has enriched every fellow citizen and allows us in this privileged Nation to rise each day with security assured and promise in our hands.

Our small task on this long weekend at the beginning of summer and in particular this day--May 30-- is simply to honor their sacrifice. In the quietness of a moment, count your blessings and with a smile on your face, just say THANK YOU!

New law to affect SGLI payments, benefits

New rules, increases in amount of coverage to take effect Sept. 1

By Ms. Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

Defense Department and Veterans Affairs officials are ironing out details of programs that will expand benefits provided through Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

The \$82 billion supplemental legislation signed into law by President Bush on May 11 increases maximum SGLI coverage to \$400,000 and provides payouts of up to \$100,000 for servicemembers with traumatic injuries, said Stephen Wurtz, the VA's deputy assistant director for insurance.

The increased SGLI coverage will take effect Sept. 1, and the so-called "traumatic SGLI" benefit, Dec. 1. The legislation directs that both benefits will be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001, Mr. Wurtz said.

Traumatic SGLI benefits will be retroactive for servicemembers who have lost limbs, eyesight or speech or received other traumatic injuries as a direct result of injuries received during operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom. The benefit does not apply to servicemembers suffering from disease.

The retroactive coverage increase is payable as a result of deaths in either operation, or under other con-

ditions prescribed by the secretary of defense, Mr. Wurtz said.

Servicemembers enrolled in the SGLI program will notice an increase in their premiums when the increases take effect. The traumatic SGLI benefit will be rolled into the basic SGLI program and will likely cost about \$1 a month, he said.

Servicemembers opting for maximum SGLI coverage – \$400,000 vs. the current \$250,000 – will see their monthly premiums increase from \$16.25 to \$26, said Mr. Wurtz. This is based on the rate of 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance coverage.

SGLI coverage is currently available in \$10,000 increments, but as of Sept. 1, the increments will increase to \$50,000.

Because the rates have not changed, servicemembers who retain \$250,000 or less coverage will see no increase in their premiums, Mr. Wurtz said, except for the \$1 traumatic SGLI premium.

While these expanded benefits will be provided retroactively, affected servicemembers will not be charged retroactive payments, he said. The DoD will absorb that cost.

In a new twist introduced through the supplemental legislation, servicemembers with dependents must get

their spouse's approval to purchase less than the full amount of SGLI coverage. In the case of people who are not married, notice will be provided to the designated beneficiary when the person purchases less than the maximum coverage.

The new traumatic SGLI benefit is designed to provide "a quick infusion of cash" for cash-strapped families of troops recuperating from traumatic injuries received in the line of duty, Mr. Wurtz said.

Compensation will range from \$25,000 to \$100,000, and is designed to help family members of severely wounded troops leave their homes and jobs to be with their loved one during recovery.

"These families incur a lot of expenses, and this is designed to help

them financially," Mr. Wurtz said.

While VA staff members consult with DoD officials to write regulations that will put the new SGLI benefits into effect, he said, "lots and lots of details have to be worked out."

Among outstanding issues is the fact that the expanded SGLI coverage is part of the supplemental legislation package that funds operations only through Sept. 30. That is 30 days after the new SGLI limit takes effect and two months before the traumatic SGLI benefit begins.

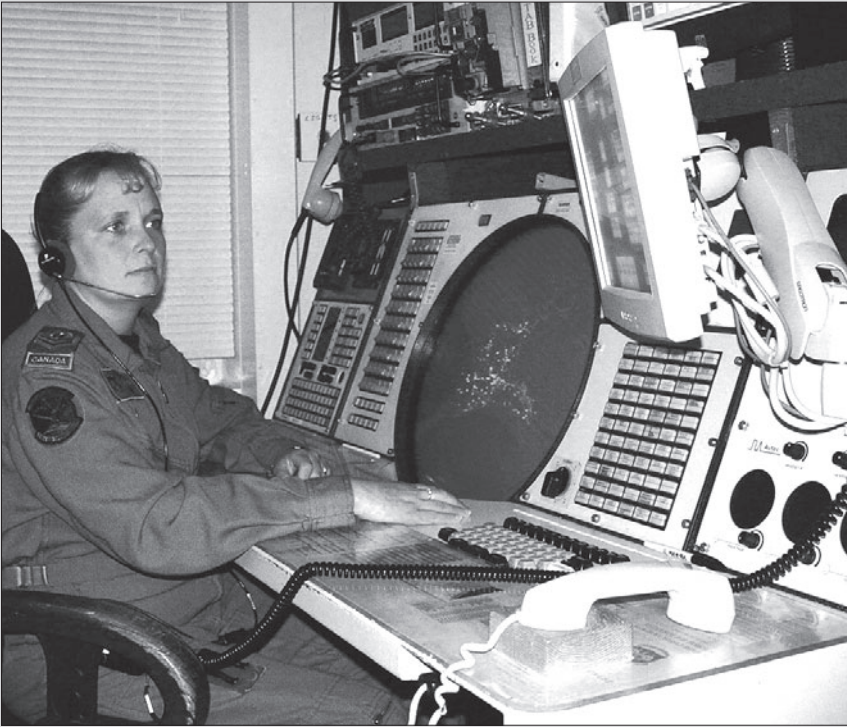
Mr. Wurtz said VA is confident Congress will resolve this issue before there is any lapse in coverage.

VA will continue to oversee and control the SGLI program.

Current Basic SGLI Premium Rates - Effective July 1, 2003

Coverage amount	Monthly premium rate
10,000	0.65
20,000	1.30
30,000	1.95
40,000	2.60
50,000	3.25
60,000	3.90
70,000	4.55
80,000	5.20
90,000	5.85
100,000	6.50
110,000	7.15
120,000	7.80
130,000	8.45

Coverage amount	Monthly premium rate
140,000	9.10
150,000	9.75
160,000	10.40
170,000	11.05
180,000	11.70
190,000	12.35
200,000	13.00
210,000	13.65
220,000	14.30
230,000	14.95
240,000	15.60
250,000	16.25



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Canadian Air Force Master Cpl. Betty-Jo Kilpatrick
Duty title: 611th Air Operations Squadron Air Operations Center Defensive Duty NCOIC
Hometown: St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada
Hobbies: Camping and fishing
How she contributes to the mission: Monitors and coordinates the Region’s control of AWACS, fighter and tanker assets, through the Combat Operations function of the Region’s Tailored Air Operations Center, supporting Homeland Defense and Alaska NORAD region missions.
Time at Elmendorf: Two years
Best part of being in Alaska: The scenery
Supervisor’s comments: “Master Cpl. Kilpatrick is that one-in-a-million NCO all leaders hope to have in their organization. Blessed with an abundance of natural ability and motivating attitude, the results of her work are consistently outstanding. The success of coalition warfare will never be in doubt when allies bring this caliber of warrior to the fight.” Lt. Col. James Gentemann.



Airman 1st Class Daisy L. Hulet Alvarez
Duty title: 3rd Mission Support Squadron, customer support technician
Hometown: Toledo, Ohio
Hobbies: Hiking, playing cello, running and horseback riding
How she contributes to the mission: Airman Hulet Alvarez is responsible for ensuring the secure production and distribution of Military Identification cards for current and retired U.S. Armed Forces members and their dependents. She has the additional duty of working with the casualty team to ensure timely notification of family members when active duty personnel are involved in accidents or fatalities. She also works in the Personnel Readiness Unit and PERSCO during exercises.
Time at Elmendorf: One year, six months
Time in the Air Force: Two years
Best part of being in Alaska: Good family atmosphere, nice weather, and many great opportunities to excel professionally and personally
Supervisor’s comments: “Airman Hulet Alvarez is a customer service oriented Airman who provides outstanding support for each and every customer.” Tech. Sgt. Tarshia P. Siders

Suicide prevention

All military and civilian members are required to attend one of the following suicide prevention briefings at the Base Theater to satisfy their annual training requirement: June 6 at 3 p.m., June 8 at 7:30 a.m. or June 14 at 3 p.m. Call 580-1399 for more information.

Bicycle drawing

In support of National Physical Fitness Month, the Health and Wellness Center is sponsoring a drawing for three children’s bicycles Tuesday.

Entry forms and instructions are available at the entrance of the 3rd Medical Group. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Ryan McNeel at 552-9959

Vacation Bible School

This year’s Vacation Bible School will be June 13-17, from 9 a.m. to noon at Chapel 1. This special time is designed for children ages 6 to 6th grade.

Registration is limited and currently underway at Chapels 1 and 2 and the Chapel Center. All registrations are due by Tuesday. Volunteers are needed for this community service project.

Contact Peggy Brown at 646-4279 to volunteer or for more information.

Yard of the Month

Aurora Military Housing will be offering the Yard of the Month program. The objective is to foster owner pride, improve the beautification of yards, and enhance the overall appearance of the

housing areas.

A winner will be selected the last Tuesday of the month from the four major housing areas beginning in June and ending in September. The criteria for selection will be based on mowing, trimming/edging, color and lawn coverage. A \$200 prize will be awarded to each winner.

Refer to the Tenant Handbook or call the Aurora Military Housing office at 753-1051 for additional details.

Road awareness

All vehicle operators are reminded to use caution when they encounter units conducting ‘fit runs’ on base.

According to Wing Instruction 31-203, when overtaking and passing foot troops, all drivers will yield the right-of-way to all formations marching on a street or roadway on Elmendorf. The maximum speed while passing troops (from any direction) is 10 miles per hour.

If overtaking a formation going in the same direction, the operator will not pass the formation until signaled or motioned to by the troop commander.

If meeting a formation going in the opposite direction, the vehicle operator will reduce speed and pass with caution.

Home seminar

The Housing Office is offering a home purchasing seminar June 6 at 1 p.m. at the Housing Office, 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive.

The class lasts 2 to 3 hours. Seating

is limited, call early for reservations at 552-4439/4328.

Arctic Warrior Olympics

The Company Grade Officers Council is sponsoring this year’s Arctic Warrior Olympics competition. The Olympics are being held in conjunction with the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce’s annual Military Appreciation Day picnic June 10, at Paxton Park.

For more information on the Arctic Warrior Olympics or to register for one of the many events, visit the base intranet site at <http://topcover/units/awo/awo.htm>.

King salmon trip

The Outdoor Recreation office at Ft. Richardson is sponsoring a day trip for king salmon fishing at the Little Susitna River June 17.

For this guided trip, they will supply the fishing poles, waders and transportation for \$40 per person. Seating is limited. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 384-1475.

FSC news

■ The Hearts Apart Dinner is scheduled for June 3 at 7 p.m. at the Lonestar Steakhouse.

For more information, call Sheila Braeutigam at 552-9290.

■ Relocation assistance is available for individuals planning to move and take the ferry or who plan to drive the ALCAN highway.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 552-4943.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

- Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass: 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- Thursday Mass: 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Sunday Evening Mass: 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
- Confession: 6 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

Protestant Sunday

- Liturgical Service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- Celebration Service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Gospel Service: noon at Chapel 1
- Fellowship Praise: 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

Religious Education

- Catholic Religious Education: Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- Protestant Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- For more information, call the Chapel at 552-4422.

Texas squadron tackles challenges in Alaska

By Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey
301st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 301st Fighter Wing, an Air Force Reserve wing that deployed to Elmendorf for a two-week training event, arrived May 21 with eight F-16 aircraft and more than 170 support personnel to participate in training missions with some of the 3rd Wing’s aircraft.

The Texas reservists, who are performing their annual training requirement, are engaging in combat flight missions testing their capabilities within the picturesque Alaskan terrain. Officials chose Alaska for its cooler climate and because the flying area provided F-16 pilots larger volumes of airspace so supersonic speeds could be tested and more realistic air-to-air training could be performed.

The 301st FW is based at Naval Air Station, Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base. It is the only Air Force Reserve fighter unit in Texas. The wing focuses on training, mobilization and deployment.

The wing is home to the F-16C, Fighting Falcon, a highly maneuverable single-seat, single-engine aircraft capable of Mach-2 speeds. The F-16 carries a full spectrum of modern conventional weaponry including laser-guided bombs and Maverick air-to-surface missiles.

“This has been a great experience so far not only for our pilots, but also for everyone involved,” said Lt. Col. Bruce Cox, 301st FW deployed commander. “This deployment has provided many opportunities for us which we could not do at our home station. The airspace issue and the supersonic capability are two major areas, but we also get to interact with different aircraft systems and their pilots, which strengthen our overall performance capability.”

The visit has also not been without a few prob-



TECH. SGT. STEVE BAILEY

F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 301st Fighter Wing arrived at Elmendorf May 21, as part of a joint two-week training mission with 3rd wing aircraft.

lems, but officials have been quick to applaud the maintenance teams who have “really stepped up and adjusted to difficult situations to keep everything running smoothly and on time.”

This is not the first trip to Alaska for the Texas team. The wings deployment to Elmendorf in August 2001 was so successful they wanted to come back. The visit allows everyone to get great

job experience as well as enjoy and take part in the Alaskan countryside and outdoor activities.

“Most importantly, this trip has allowed us to escape the Texas heat and enjoy the cool and friendly climate shared by all in Alaska,” Colonel Cox said. “Everyone has made us feel right at home – a great example of Air Force teamwork and camaraderie.”

10 people receive Article 15s

A senior airman from the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron transmitted pornographic images on his government computer. His punishment was a reduction to airman first class and a suspended forfeiture of \$250 per month for two months.

An airman first class from the 3rd Services Squadron failed to report for duty. Her punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$100 per month for two months, and 40 days extra duty.

An airman from the 732nd Air Mobility Squadron violated base restriction. His punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman basic.

An airman first class from the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron failed to report for duty. His punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, 15 days restriction to base, and 15 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron failed to remove animal feces from his on-base residence. His punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class and 30 days restriction to base.

A senior airman from the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was derelict in her duties by failing to log the removal of an aircraft panel. Her punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class and forfeiture of \$150 per month for two months.

An airman first class from the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron made unauthorized government travel

card purchases, wrote bad checks, and failed to pay debt. His punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, 30 days restriction to base, and 30 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 3rd Wing Command Post failed to report for duty, failed to obey a lawful order, and was derelict in his duties by failing to shave. His punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman first class, forfeiture of \$361, 14 days restriction to base, and a suspended 30 days extra duty.

A staff sergeant from the 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron failed to obey a no contact order. His punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman and forfeiture of \$200 per month for two months.

A staff sergeant from the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron reported for duty while intoxicated. His punishment was a reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.



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AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
PICK-UPS
YEAR TO DATE

0910

DUI'S FROM
ELMENDORF AS OF LAST WEEK

19

EXCUSES
TO DRINK AND DRIVE

0

POTENTIAL LIVES SAVED BY AIRMEN
AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

COUNTLESS

WHO TO CALL WHEN YOU NEED A SAFE
RIDE HOME

552-HOME (4663)

Arctic Life

Great living in the great land

Summer fun brings need for ATV safety



STAFF SGT. PRENTICE COLTER

Tech. Sgt. Shawn Reckard, 3rd Security Forces Squadron, demonstrates the proper wear of Personal Protective Equipment while riding an all-terrain vehicle.

By Senior Airman Amy Morrisette
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Whether you like aggressive off-roading or easy riding, free of mud and obstacles, one thing is for sure: all-terrain vehicles handle differently than other vehicles, such as motorcycles and cars. However, they are similar to other vehicles in that ATVs can be hazardous to operate.

In early 2004, the 3rd Wing Safety Office found a high level of incidents and injuries involving ATVs and a lack of training by its operators. By April of that year, Elmendorf leadership required ATV training to improve its safety record and prevent future mishaps.

“In order to ride an ATV off-base, active-duty military members must review the locally developed, computer-based training course, which can be found on the Topcover Web site under ‘Ancil-

lary Training,’” said Tech. Sgt. Rusty Schmidt, 3rd Wing Safety Office, ground safety superintendent.

More training is required for those who wish to ride on Elmendorf’s trails. “If you want to ride an ATV on-base in an official or non-official capacity, you must complete a Specialty Vehicle Institute of America course.

Future dates and time of the SVIA course will be announced on Topcover. Meanwhile, most ATV retailers will pay for their customers to take a safety course, said Sergeant Schmidt. “All you have to do to get enrolled in a safety training class is ask the salesperson what you need to do to qualify for the free training.”

One thing that’s not taught in local, off-base courses, however, is what type of personal protective wear is required if the rider is planning to ride on Elmendorf.

According to Sergeant Schmidt, the same personal protective equipment that is required for motorcycle riders to operate their cycles on base is required for ATVs. “On- or off-base, a Department of Transportation-approved helmet, full-fingered riding gloves, impact resistant goggles/full face shield, long sleeves, long pants and sturdy foot wear is required.”

Sergeant Schmidt said shin guards, chest protectors and reflective vests are highly encouraged, but are not required.

As an added precaution, each potential rider’s supervisor is tasked with being familiar with their subordinate’s riding proficiency level by using the Comprehensive Assessment of Risk and Evaluation System program. Under CARES, supervisors assess their riders and ensure they understand and respect the hazards associated with ATVs.

“Supervisors enter data about their people [who plan to ride an ATV] into a Web-based program, and it will identify whether their people are a ‘high,’ ‘medium,’ or ‘low’ risk. If a person is identified as ‘high’ or ‘medium’ risk, then the supervisor will get an E-mail every month to re-evaluate the person,” he said.

The good news is riders can improve their assessment through additional training and experience. The bad news is that riders found negligible for a mishap, with or without training and experience, may face consequences.

“If a rider doesn’t wear all his/her PPE, for example, they could be found to be in ‘not-in-the-line-of-duty status’ and as a result certain benefits could be in jeopardy,” said Sergeant Schmidt.

With the ongoing safety precautions, ATV safety remains in the spot light due to the number of mishaps that happen every year, said Sergeant Schmidt. “In Alaska, ATVs are a big part of how people get around in the woods and just ride around and have some fun. We just want to make sure their safe doing that.

“Last year’s ATV safety briefings brought down our mishaps; this year, we are hoping the briefings will have the same effect,” he said. “I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy what Alaska has to offer, but remember to Assess the risk, Consider the appropriate control measures, and Take the appropriate action. In other words, A.C.T. before you leap.”

Unit Spotlight

3rd Component Maintenance Squadron

MISSION:

The 3rd CMS directly supports the 3rd Wing’s mission as a lead Air Expeditionary Force Wing providing global power and global reach. They provide in-shop repair and maintenance for engines, avionics systems components, and equipment accessories for 48 F-15C/D, 21 F-15E, 18 C-130H, and 2 E-3B assigned aircraft on an annual budget of \$50 million they also operate the largest Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory (PMEL) in the Pacific Air Forces.



Lt. Col. Randolph Smith, commander

Elmendorf embraces its newest wing commander

By Lt. Col. Michael Halbig
3rd Wing Public Affairs

“Absolutely incredible.” These are the first words the 3rd Wing’s new commander, Col. Hawk Carlisle, used to describe what it is like to take command of Elmendorf’s host unit.

“People dream of this job and the fact I got to come back and do this is tremendous,” he said. “It’s something I never in my wildest hopes and expectations had anticipated.”

Colonel Carlisle was previously stationed at Elmendorf between July 1993 and June 1996 when he was the operations officer for the 19th Fighter Squadron and also commanded the 54th Fighter Squadron.

“I’ve had the good fortune to have had four changes of command where I assumed command. And two of them have been here at Elmendorf, actually in the same hangar,” Colonel Carlisle stated. “The opportunity to command is a cherished one, so clearly the four opportunities I have had to take command of an organization are the moments in my career that really stand out. This one (the 3rd Wing) is clearly the largest, most complex, and most impressive group I will have the opportunity to lead, so last Friday would be the most memorable point in my career.”

After 27 years of service, Colonel Carlisle said that he remains in the Air Force because of the “incredible men and women I get to work with every day.”

Being stationed at Elmendorf is special, he said, be-

cause of the opportunities the area has for their off-duty time and the fantastic folks in the local community. Combining that with the “incredible flying” and group of folks to work with during one’s on-duty time gives Elmendorf no real down side at all, he added.

During his tenure as the commander, Colonel Carlisle is looking forward to looking out and seeing how Elmendorf will evolve and change over the course of the next few years to become even better than the impressive wing it currently is. This evolution, and the decisions and plans that will be made in the next few years, will impact and shape the base for the next 50 years, he said.

The one thing Colonel Carlisle does desire to improve is the base’s infrastructure and to give people a better workspace to do their jobs.

“Because of the incredibly difficult environment we live in up here I would really like to fix the infrastructure,” he said. “I want to put people in nice offices and nice shops and nice places to work where the environment is not quite so difficult on them. That’s probably the one thing I’d like to do to make this place perfect.”

To help make this place “perfect,” in areas other than the infrastructure, the command pilot with more than 3,200 flying hours in five different airframes had two recommendations for members of the wing. First is to take pride in everything they do from the work one does to their appearance and fitness levels.

“Appearance is important to me. We represent the United States Air Force, the United States military and

the United States in general. We need to take care of ourselves, have the opportunity to work out, make our uniforms look good, I think appearance is very important. It’s all a pride thing. If you’re proud of how you look, and you’re proud of the job you do, you’re going to do a better job,” he elaborated.

Second, is to take care of one another. “We all have good days and we all have bad days. The key is that we need to look out for each other in our professional on-duty time and in our personal off-duty time. We need to take care of one another, help each other at work, encourage each other, and be there to support our fellow airmen,” Colonel Carlisle said.

The Colonel also showed great appreciation for the local community and the support they provide to the base and wing. “It’s HUGE,” he said. “Support for the families, support for the wing, and we have great interaction with the folks downtown.”

“This community is really our home,” he said. “We make friends we keep for a lifetime and we make memories for us and our families that last a lifetime. The community is a large part of what’s good about Elmendorf, they give us great support and make us feel welcome.”

The colonel, with previous commands at the squadron, group and wing level, described his job simply as, “My job is them (the people). My job is to take care of the men and women of this wing so they can take care of the mission. I need to be there for them personally and professionally ... And that’s exactly what I plan on doing.”



AIRMAN FIRST CLASS GARRETT HOTHAN

Above: Col. Hawk Carlisle, 3rd Wing commander, addresses the audience during his change of command ceremony held May 20 in Hangar 1.

Right: Chaplain Col. David Sessions, 3rd Wing head chaplain, offers the invocation prior to the commencement of the change of command ceremony.



AIRMAN FIRST CLASS GARRETT HOTHAN



TECH. SGT. KEITH BROWN



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Above: Family members and friends of Col. Hawk Carlisle, the newest 3rd Wing commander, gather to watch him accept command at the change of command ceremony held May 20 in Hangar 1.

Left: Staff Sgt. Andrew Pratt, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, unveils Col. Hawk Carlisle's name on the side of aircraft 85-0095, the Wing flagship aircraft during the May 20 change of command ceremony.

Below: Honor Guard members post the colors at the beginning of the change of command ceremony which was attended by 3rd Wing members, military officials and guests from the local community.



AIRMAN FIRST CLASS GARRETT HOTHAN

Services offers many lunch choices

From Eagle's Nest to Susitna Club, variety of noon-day meals abound

By Mrs. Mary Rall
3rd Services Marketing

The decision as to where to spend the precious minutes of your lunch break can be a difficult one. Sure, a trek into town is an option, but why not let your taste buds be tempted by all the variety and convenient choices the 3rd Services Squadron has to offer?

For the golfers who are just unpacking their bags for the start of the golfing season, the Eagle's Nest is in play daily from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Eagleglen golf course which features a menu that is as diverse as it is tempting.

Patrons can warm up on those cold days with hot and hearty items such as burgers, Philly cheese steaks, grilled

chicken, cheese sandwiches, bratwurst, polish sausage, hotdogs or chicken strips.

Cool and light fare includes BLT's and club, ham, turkey and tuna sandwiches. The Eagle's Nest even features a selection of finger foods such as chicken wings, nachos, french and cheese fries and a variety of salads.

Further, those E-4 and below with valid identification or Services card holders can take advantage of a 10 percent discount on their Eagle's Nest purchases. Airmen E-4 and below who are also Services card holders can save a total of 20 percent. Discounts are not available for alcohol.

Customers are welcome to stop by and enjoy the dining room or to phone in orders for pick up by

calling 552-4764.

Another option for lunch is the large selection of items waiting for you at the Susitna Club's Susitna Café Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The assortment of items offered includes everything from salad, baked potato, and pasta bars, to the sandwiches and burgers you can have made.

The club even has an All-You-Can-Eat Lunch Buffet Monday through Friday, which offers a different theme daily. Patrons are welcome to stop by to enjoy American Mondays, Mexican Tuesdays, Pasta Wednesdays, Oriental Thursdays and Seafood Fridays.

The All-You-Can-Eat Lunch Buffet includes the salad bar, a fountain drink, coffee or tea and dessert.

A glimpse at the menus for many Services facilities can be viewed at www.elmendorfservices.com.



MARY RALL

The Eagleglen golf course houses the Eagle's Nest cafe, one of several lunch options patrons have from the 3rd Services Squadron.

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Belly Dancing Class, Today at 6:30 p.m. at the Arctic Oasis Community Center. 552-8529
Geocache/Skateboard Trip, Today at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

Sunday Brunch, Sunday with reservations beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

End of Year Celebration, Tuesday from 9-11:30 a.m. at Pat Day Preschool. 552-8228

Take It and Make It Crafts, Tuesday at the Library. 552-3787

Beginning Embroidery Stitches, Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for \$15 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Preschool Story Hour End of Season Party, Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Library. 552-3787

Summer Reading Program Registration, Wednesday-June 30 at the Library. 552-3787

Beginning Sewing Machine, Wednesday and June 8, 15 and 22 from 6:15-8:45 p.m. for \$60 at the Arts and Crafts

Center. 552-7012

New Parent Orientations, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at all CDCs. 552-8304

Pottery Hand Building and Slab Work, Wednesday and June 8, 15 and 22 from 6-8 p.m. for \$60 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Morning Coffee Conversation, Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Arctic Oasis Community Center. 552-8529

Pottery on the Wheel Glazing and Orientation, Thursday and June 9 and 16 from 6-8 p.m. for \$45 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Homeschool Beginning Woodcrafts, Thursday from 2-4 p.m. for \$15 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Ceramic Pouring Certification, Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m. for \$25 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Part Day Preschool Registration, Thursday-June 3 from 9 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. at the Katmai CDC. 552-8228

Mountain Bike Training Ride,

Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for free with the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

Children Eat Free, Thursday-June 4 with each adult dinner purchased at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

Free Freedom to Rock Concert, Thursday for all ranks at the Kashim Club. 753-3131

Give Parents a Break, June 3 from 7-11 p.m. at the Denali CDC. 552-8304

Movie Night, June 3 from 4-6 p.m. at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

Super Friday, June 3 from 5-6 p.m. in the Kashim Lounge and The Cave. 753-3131

One Stroke Carnation Painting, June 3 from 3-5 p.m. for \$35 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Cake Flower Decorating, June 3, 10, 17 and 20 from 6:45-9 p.m. for \$35 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

* Arts and Crafts Center classes must be signed up for three days in advance.

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EKLUTNA TRIP: Hit the trails for an Eklutna Bike Trip at 9 a.m. for \$10 per person. Sign up in advance at the Outdoor Recreation Center. There will be an additional fee charged for mountain bike rentals. 552-2023

MOVIE: Fever Pitch (PG-13) When Lindsey a big time executive meets funny and charming high school teacher Ben they hit it off until Lindsey realizes Ben is a Red Sox fan. She must learn to either accept Ben's obsession with the Red Sox or break off the entire relationship before it is too late. 7 p.m.

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BRUNCH BUNCH: Give yourself a break by enjoying Sunday Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

MOVIE: The Upside of Anger (R) Terry is left to raise her four headstrong daughters when her husband unexpectedly disappears. Things get even more hectic when she falls for her neighbor Denny, a once-great baseball star turned radio D.J. This leaves her daughters out on a limb where they are forced to juggle their mom's romantic dilemma as well as their own. 7 p.m.

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FREE POPCORN: Grab your share of the free popcorn with any purchase or rental at the Outdoor Recreation Center. This movie-style popcorn is made fresh in our popcorn machine daily. 552-2023



TECH. SGT. MIKE EDWARDS

APAH activities

Above: Sheila Filoiali'i, a dancer with the Hawaiian Polynesian dance group, performs a luau dance in authentic costume at a cultural show Saturday at the Joint Military Mall. The show was sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Heritage committee in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Throughout May, the APAH has invited people to learn and experience the various Asian and Pacific Islander cultures by getting involved in festive and historical events. Saturday's two-hour program included several events to entertain and educate visitors with performances representing nine different Asian and Pacific nations. One of the more popular attractions was the ceremonial dance stage.



STAFF SGT. PRENTICE COLTER

Crud champions

After weeks of tournament play, the 3rd Maintainance Group claimed first-place victory over their opponent, the 3rd Operations Support Squadron in the Crud championship finals which were held May 20 in The Cave at the Susitna Club. This championship tournament capped off a two-month season. Teams from most of Elmendorf's organizations competed in this season's competition.

Memorial Day special moments in time

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

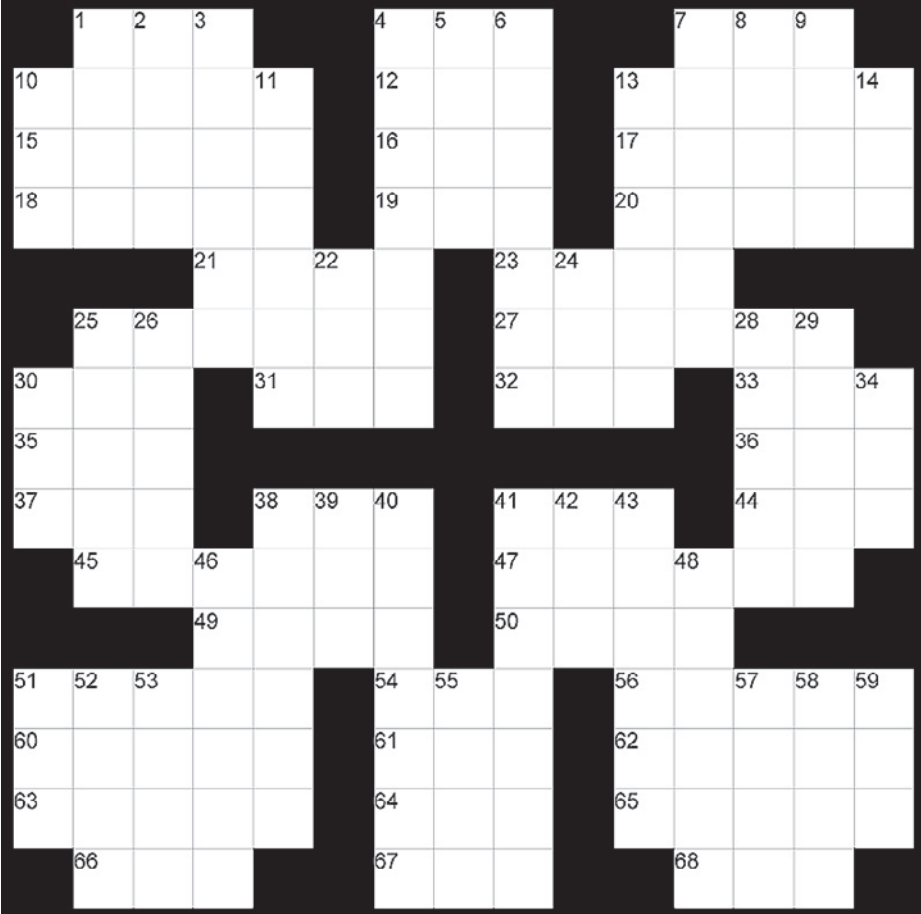
- ACROSS**
- 1. A-Team member
 - 4. Everything
 - 7. Federal org. in charge of SSNs
 - 10. Berths
 - 12. Memorial Day person remembered, in short
 - 13. Outfit
 - 15. ____ _ a time; single file
 - 16. Airport screen abbrev.
 - 17. Elvis’ blue shoes
 - 18. Mil. jargon for “understood and complying”
 - 19. Droop
 - 20. Father figure
 - 21. Inventor Whitney and NY Giant Manning
 - 23. British title
 - 25. Memorial Day person remembered (USMC)
 - 27. Memorial Day person remem-

- bered (USN)
- 30. Memorial Day person remembered, in short
- 31. Terminate
- 32. Took a load off
- 33. Feline
- 35. Simpson trial judge
- 36. Compass dir.
- 37. Singer Torme
- 38. Sis’ sibling
- 41. Center of the system
- 44. Alias, in brief
- 45. Killer
- 47. Tear-producing vegetables
- 49. Apple music machine, in short
- 50. Crime clue
- 51. Extreme
- 54. Terminate
- 56. Waited for right opportunity
- 60. Joints
- 61. Profit, in short
- 62. Hate
- 63. Held the world on his shoulders
- 64. Before, poetically
- 65. European monies
- 66. Fisherman’s TV station, in short
- 67. Org. concerned with patriotic heritage
- 68. Rep.’s congressional counterpart

- DOWN**
- 1. Skirt type
 - 2. Spool
 - 3. Ammunition type
 - 4. Hoarded
 - 5. Italian currency, once
 - 6. Gift
 - 7. Gale
 - 8. Lard
 - 9. General’s helper
 - 10. Memorial Day person remembered, in short



Last week’s solution



- 11. Jaded
- 13. ____ de corps
- 14. Each
- 22. ____ hurry; rushing
- 24. Auto club
- 25. Boundaries
- 26. Isle
- 28. Pacific or Atlantic
- 29. A1C, SSgt, Lt, Col, etc.
- 30. Vigor
- 34. Brewed beverage
- 38. Circumvent
- 39. Music group Diamond ____
- 40. Commanded

- 41. Memorial Day person remembered (USA)
- 42. Count off starter
- 43. Inclined
- 46. Memorial Day person remembered (USAF)
- 48. Hateful
- 51. Stars & Stripes country
- 52. Actor Jared
- 53. Lanky
- 55. Singer Jones
- 57. Challenge
- 58. British school
- 59. Federal org. established after 9/11

SPORTS PAGE



Kayak safety

Above: Ivy Miller, an instructor with Elmendorf's Outdoor Adventure Program, shows David Allamandola, 12th Fighter Squadron, how to re-mount a kayak with a partner's assistance during kayak safety class in the Fitness Center pool. The class is a requirement for people who participate in one of OAP's kayaking adventure trips.

Left, Renee Wickman, 3rd Communications Squadron, prepares to learn how to recover her kayak without assistance.

Kayaking is one of the many guided, Alaskan outdoor activities offered by the OAP's staff and volunteers during the summer months.

Other activities offered by OAP include: All-terrain vehicle trips; evening and day whitewater rafting trips on the Eagle and Matanuska rivers; fishing and clamming trips; mountain biking rides and hiking are among the activities offered at a minimal cost. Equipment is also available for rent.

All of the OAP's activities are designed to help the novice feel comfortable while ensuring the experienced are challenged. All activities are family oriented and are as much for people visiting as they are for permanent party members.

For information about these and other programs, call 552-2438 or visit the OAP office in the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Fitness Test Standings

The following are the most current Air Force Fitness Test averages for the units on base and along with the top five individual scores from the past week's testing, courtesy of the HAWC:

Unit average scores:

611 APF – 89.17
611 AIS – 86.41
12 AMU – 86
3 SFS – 84.97
611 ACF – 82.12
3 CPTS – 80.72
3 SVS – 72.1

Men

1.5-mile run:

Michael Blahut, 12 AMU – 8:32
Matthew Roberts, 12 AMU – 8:52
Eric Icenhower, 12 AMU – 8:54
Ean Albin, 12 AMU – 9:18

Kelly Snyder, 3 CPTS – 8:45

Push-ups:

Kevin Hoover, 611 APF – 102
Eric Icenhower, 12 AMU – 92
Ryan Butler, 12 AMU – 89
Chris Aguilar, 12 AMU – 83
Matthew Jones, 12 AMU – 82

Crunches:

Eric Icenhower, 12 AMU – 75
Marlon Robinson, 12 AMU – 72
Matthew Roberts, 12 AMU – 71
Reimy Emannuel, 12 AMU – 65
Jushua David; Zachary Drahota; Cody Norris; Charles Raphiel and Jamey Starke, 12 AMU – 63

Women

1.5-mile run:

Beth Johnson, 12 AMU – 10:42

Valencia Flowers, 12 AMU – 11:05
Erin Wahlin, 12 AMU – 11:27
Ashley Stephens, 732 AMS – 11:25
Melanie Moore, 732 AMS – 11:28

Push-ups:

Erin Wahlin, 12 AMU – 54
Jessika Mullen, 12AMU – 45
Donna Locke, 12 AMU – 45
Michelle Gonzalez, 12 AMU – 45
Beth Johnson, 12 AMU, and Tammy Miller, 3 CPTS – 40

Crunches:

Michelle Gonzalez, 12 AMU – 57
Gerae Turner, 3 CPTS – 56
Carlinda Lotson, 611 ACF – 55
Beth Johnson, 12 AMU – 54
Valencia Flowers, 12 AMU and Kimberly Hamilton, 3 CPTS – 53